

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 583

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Judith Koeller upon
being named Sumner Regional Medical Center's
2007 Nurse of the Year.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's nurses make invaluable contributions to the quality of our lives and provide us with the finest medical care, bringing to bear in each case their knowledge, skill, training, and compassion, and offering healing and hope to those under their expert care; and

WHEREAS, Judith Koeller is one such self-sacrificing individual who, because of her stalwart dedication to providing the best possible medical care to those in need, has been honored as Sumner Regional Medical Center's 2007 Nurse of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Judith has lent her professional talents to Sumner Regional Medical Center, where she has cared for countless patients and their families for twelve years; she is currently the Coordinator for the Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter service (PICC) and Oncology Nurse; and

WHEREAS, colleagues hold nurse Judith Koeller up as a shining example of excellence in nursing, as someone who has exemplary clinical judgment, compassion for the patient, and an unwavering loyalty to helping people; and

WHEREAS, perhaps no one is more qualified to empathize with the patient and impart that compassion than Mrs. Koeller who lost a daughter to leukemia six years ago; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Judith Koeller fulfilled a lifelong dream and began her illustrious nursing career in Illinois, where she worked as a critical-care nurse and nurse-manager for several hospitals; in 1995, she embarked on her career at SRMC as a same-day surgery nurse, as well as working with oncology; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Mrs. Koeller started the PICC service at SRMC, having received her PICC training at the Vanderbilt Medical Center PICC Service Training Program; SRMC was the first rural hospital to participate in this program; and

WHEREAS, in her role as PICC Coordinator, Judith Koeller travels to other counties, such as Macon, Trousdale, and Smith, to teach the proper care of PICC lines to the nursing staff at other hospitals, nursing homes, and healthcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, in reflecting upon her more than twenty years as a caring professional in the field of nursing, Judith Koeller commented, "Being a nurse gives you the opportunity to make life better for a patient every day. What other profession can you choose that allows you to do that?"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Judith Koeller should be recognized for her many years of service as a caring and committed nursing professional; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Judith Koeller upon being named Sumner Regional Medical Center's 2007 Nurse of the Year and for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and extend to her our appreciation for her commitment to the true spirit of nursing and patient care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.